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A MAN whose neighbors keep hens is just as favored as he would be if he were taking a correspondence course in patience.

It was in Chicago that the first pajama party was given last week. Ignoring the matter of propriety, it does seem that it was a little early in the season.

Those who are in the habit of getting thirsty will hardly accept the kind invitation of Gov. Stubbs to go to Kansas and see if prohibition doesn't prohibit.

Pittsburg, which never does things by half, has developed the greatest graft mine yet exploited, and yet it is promised that the development is only just begun.

The wife of a New York policeman has just been robbed of \$20,000 worth of jewelry. The distressing feature of the affair is that the public may think this was all the jewelry possessed.

A MAN died the other day whose heart was in the wrong place. Who doesn't know one or two persons who have been troubled with the same affliction? Their hearts obviously were in the wrong place, but it did not prove fatal.

PULLMAN porters evidently fare better in the west, as one was arrested in Denver last week and paid a fine for his chauffeur exceeding the racing limit. In New York a Pullman porter was able to own a machine, only, as developed in police court.

SOME of the railway companies are planting catalpa trees thickly along their right of way to provide timber for future ties. As one of the practical methods of conserving the country's natural resources this merits all praise.

Our third newspaper, the Muhlenberg Sentinel, R. O. Pace, editor, appeared last Friday, and the initial number is a good one, prosperous with advertisements and full of news, and there is every indication of a useful and profitable existence for this new entry into Muhlenberg's journalistic field.

NOTHING quite so revolutionary—or anti-revolutionary—has been done by the postoffice department lately as its action changing the name of Foutteville, Staten Island, to Bentley Manor. In the war for independence the Tottens were patriots and the Bentleys were Tories. It is no wonder that about half the population of that New York suburb are up in arms over the change.

DR. COOK, who is reported by his latest discoverer to be in New Jersey, needn't come back claiming to have discovered that state. The trusts saw it first. They may see it last also. These are hard days for the explorer. Everything has been discovered now except the standard majority that was going to put the Taft measure through congress. Here at least is a field for an explorer with plenty of patience and time to burn.

CHAMP CLARK doesn't think much of this idea of going outside of the house to secure a speaker for the purpose of getting the best there is for that job. Champ has been reading the stars and they whisper to him that the democrats are to carry the next house and thus be in a position to choose their own speaker. At such a moment in history Mr. Clark has long been planning to remove his hat and tell the lightning to do its worst.

Buzzard Ball Yard

And Some of its Surroundings,

By OTTO A. ROTHERT

CHAPTER I.—IN THE BOTTOM.
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A climb to the top of Buzzard Ball Yard, as already stated, seems, at first glance, like an utter impossibility. Our guides showed us a number of places from where the ascent could be made with a little exertion. Some of us walked over a steep, winding trail which begins about 500 feet beyond the base of the rock, some crawled up through a tunnel-like crack, and others climbed up in the crevice on the side of the rock.

When we reached the top, we beheld another grand sight. Below us lay the valley with its fields and forests enclosed by chains of high cliffs. I cannot describe the beauty of the scene to you. I wish I could. "Words fail me, etc., etc." I shall, however, attempt to give you a general idea of the location of some of the places which never fail to attract special attention, for all visitors agree that their "distance lends enchantment to the view."

To the right of Buzzard Ball Yard is the mouth of Crow Hollow which leads up to the famous Polly Latham Springs. Across this hollow and facing Clifty valley, stands Horse Shoe Rock, a long and moss-covered bluff protruding far above the high trees growing at its base. To the south, a break in the cliffs opens up a view of the rolling hills beyond Log Gap. To the left, among several other equally prominent cliffs, is Garrett's Bluff, a dangerous precipice from which large masses of rock fall every year or two. Immediately back of Buzzard Ball Yard is a hillside leading from the flat surface of the rock up to the general level of the surrounding country.

The top of Buzzard Ball Yard is a smooth, barren spot, somewhat circular and about 50 feet in diameter. This more or less cylindrical rock is connected with the main cliff until some 60 years ago, when it suddenly became detached and is now separated from the main bluff by a curved crevice about three feet wide.

Each member of our party made an estimate of the distance from the top of the rock to its base. James put it at 225 feet; Horace, Alvin and "Penny" at 200 feet; Gabe and I at 150 feet. This made an average of 188 feet. But no one would change his estimate up or down this figure. We, however, all agreed that the only way to determine the exact height is to stretch a string down the side of the rock, pull it up, (the string, not the rock) and measure it. If any of the readers of THE RECORD have already carried out this idea, I will be glad to hear his results, for I have a curiosity to know how much of an over-estimate 150 feet is.

Religious services have taken place on Buzzard Ball Yard. On two or three such occasions, it is said, the preacher stood on the level rock and his listeners were seated under the trees on the hillside leading down to his platform. Picnic parties frequent this locality every summer and fall. Among the names cut into the rock we deciphered: Bee Brown, Len Hall, Bud Slaughter, J. F. Welch, J. P. Ballard, N. E. Taylor, J. T. Robertson, C. L. Diskell and Elmer McGehee.

Our was as much of a picnic party as an exploring expedition, so we, too, indulged in a camp lunch on the famous rock.

The place, it is said, is called Buzzard Ball Yard "because buzzards roost there and can be seen around it from sundown to sunrise." The number that roost on and near the rock has been variously reported from "several dozen" to "ten thousand." We, however, did not observe a single one, soaring or sitting. We did not have the time to wait until sundown to see how many would return for the night. But we discovered evidence of the fact that they are holding the fort, for we found a few roosting places and also noticed signs of old nests.

If the name was derived from the fact that buzzards roost and breed on and around this cliff, then surely it ought to have been called Buzzards' Roost or Buzzards' Brood Yard. But this cliff has, for generations, gone by the name of Buzzard Ball Yard and tradition gives it no other.

The top of the rock, as said before, is a somewhat circular area, about 50 feet in diameter. This surface can, without indulging in a metaphor, be called a yard, for any speck of ground, three feet or more wide, is apt to be thus designated. Even a pile of old bones make a bone yard. So the vague term "yard" are very appropriately applied.

The question, "where does the ball come in at?" naturally suggests itself. The buzzard is too sluggish and drowsy to try to dance or take part in a game of ball. The young, when in the nest and still covered with white or yellowish down, on being approached, will hiss like a goose. The grown buzzards never produce any sound except by their wings when they start on a flight. They do not even "buzz." The haunts of buzzards are always quiet, and above all, the young or the old birds never "bawl."

If the fact that buzzards' heads are bald entered into the derivation of this name, then our pioneers would have called the place the Bald Buzzards Yard. But the old settlers were very concise. They knew all our buzzards had bald heads and that this adjective thus applied would convey nothing specific.

There seems to be but one way to account for the word "ball." It must have been, originally, "bald," for the top of this rock is not only as flat as a pancake but also as barren of grass, moss or any other vegetation. Thus, considering all things, it seems quite probable that this place was called The Buzzards' Bald Yard by the early settlers. Many of our traditions change with the generations and this is evidently another instance where a seldom printed but often spoken word has been "balded up."

But "what's in a name?" Romeo would say that what we call Buzzard Ball Yard, "if called by any other name" would still be the same old rock and from it could still be seen the same grand landscape. So, be its name what it may, let us visit the place often, for Buzzard Ball Yard is indeed a sight well worth seeing.

[THE END.]

MAYOR GAYNOR of New York city is accused of saying "had ought." A man in his position ought not for to use such language like that.

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